By the Lord Dep[uty] and Councell.

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WHereas the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſtie, hath by his Letters directed vnto Vs the *Lord Deputie*, ſignified his Princely pleaſure, that calling to Our aſsiſtance, ſuch of the *Nobility* & *Councell* as We ſhould thinke fit, a ſpeedy redreſſe & reformation ſhould be made of divers abuſes & diſorders concerning *Armes* & *Armory* in this his Majeſties *Realme* of *Ireland*, occaſioned partly through the boldnes of ſome Mechanicall perſons, who preſume to medle in *Armory* without directiō from the *King* of *Armes* of the ſame, being the proper *Officer* appointed to attend that ſervice, And partly through the *Nobility* & *Gentrie* themſelves, who have of late (of which his Majeſt. taketh notice) wholly in a maner laid aſide all Funerall rites & ceremonies, by means whereof (as his Majeſt. in his Princely & deep judgment moſt wiſely fore-ſeeth) the Houſes of the *Nobility* & *Gentrie* cannot but in a ſhort time grow into many perplexities & confuſed diſorders in their *Armes* & *Petegrees*, for want of the vſe of *Armes* at Obſequies & Funerals, and for want of the entrie of the day of the Deceaſe, Matches, & Iſſues of the deceaſed parties. And whereas his moſt Excellent Maieſtie hath likewiſe bin pleaſed to command that for direction in the premiſes, vſe ſhould be made of an Order or Decree ſet forth in *Print* by the right *Hon.* the *Lords Commiſs.* of the *Earle Marſhals* Office of *England* for the reforming of the like abuſes there, *Dated* the 10. day of *Nov.* in the 16. yeare of the Raigne of *King* IAMES of bleſſed memory, authorizing vs thereby to lay downe ſome ſuch courſe and order for the redreſſe of the former enormities, & for the ſupport of the *Officers* of *Armes* here as ſhall be thought fit and reaſonable to ſtand with the ſtate & condition of this *Kingdome*, with proviſion, that the ſaid *King* of *Armes* have ſatisfaction for ſuch Funeralls of the *Lords*, *Knights*, and other of eminent place & quality, as of late have not made vſe of his Office, as by his *Maieſties* ſaid *Letters* dated at *VVeſtminſter* the 7. day of *Aprill*, in the third yeare of his raigne, & enrol'd in the *Roles* of his *Maieſties* high Court of *Chancery* here, more at large appeareth We therefore in obedience to his *Maieſties* ſaid commandement, having taken a due & conſiderat view of the fore-named Printed Order, & maturely pondered the other circumſtances enjoyned by his *Maieſtie*, doe order, decree & ordaine, that (aſwell for the good of the ſaid *Nobilitie* & *Gentrie* of this *Kingdome*, as for the honour of the *Kingdome* it ſelfe, leſt the moſt ancient & laudable vſe of *Armes* ſhould wholly be laid aſide, & ſo no outward token or Embleme be left to make a difference between *Familie* & *Familie*, or to diſtinguiſh betwixt the moſt honorable *Nobleman* & the pooreſt *Artificer*: That all *Noblemen* & *Noble-women*, *Baronets*, *Knights*, *Eſquires*, & *Gentlemen* (1) cōtained in a ſchedule hereunto annexed: And all other that frō henceforth ſhalbe either ſilently buried in the night-time by torch-light, or otherwiſe by day or night time without either Scuchions or other atchievements, or without attendance of an *Officer* of *Armes*, ſhall nevertheleſſe immediatly after the death and buriall of every ſuch Defunct, returne a true Certificate of the *Matches*, *Iſſues*, and times of deceaſe, with their *Armes* which of right in their life they bore, for the which they ſhall pay vnto the ſaid King of *Armes* (though by a Clauſe of his *Letters-Patents* he clayme the ſame Fees that are payde in (2) *England*) ſuch Fees as we have & doe hereby ſet down and appoint, *Viz.* Euery GENTLEMAN *twenty ſhillings Engliſh.* Euery ESQVIER *three pounds ſixe ſhillings & eight pence Engliſh.* Euery KNIGHT *five pounds Engl.* Euery BARONET & BANNERET *ſix pounds thirteene ſhillings & foure pence Engliſh.* Euery BARON or BARONESSE *twelve pounds ten ſhillings Engliſh.* Euery BISHOP *twelve pounds ten ſhillings Engliſh.* Euery VICOVNT or VICOVNTESSE *fifteene pounds Engliſh.* Euery EARLE or COVNTESSE *ſeauenteene pounds tenne ſhillings Engliſh.* Euery MARQVES or MARCHIONESSE *twenty pounds Engliſh.* Euery DVKE or DVTCHES *twenty two pounds ten ſhill. Engl.* And euery ARCHBISHOP *twenty two pounds ten ſhillings Engliſh.* All which ſaid ſeuerall ſummes of money are to be payd to the ſaid King of *Armes*, or his Aſsignes, being orderly demaunded, after the buriall of euery ſuch Defunct by the *Heires*, *Executors*, or *Adminiſtrators* of all & euery Perſons of the degrees aforeſaid. The which Certificates & Fees, if they ſhall refuſe to returne & pay (the Fees being reduced ſo low vnder that which is payd in *England*, & ſo by vs according to his *Majeſties Caveat*, thought fit & reaſonable to ſtand with the ſtate of this *Kingdome*) We will vpon complaint made by the King of *Armes*, or his Aſsignes to Vs, take ſuch further order therein, as ſhalbe meet & expedient for the accompliſhment of his *Majeſties* commandement. And We therefore doe ſtraightly charge the ſaid King of *Armes*, who now is, or hereafter ſhall be, to make true & faire entries of the Certificates above-named ſo returned into his Office (they paying ſuch Fees as are before ſet down by theſe preſents. (3) And likewiſe to enter the like Certificates of all *Gentlemen*, whoſe eſtates in Land and goods exceede not five hundred Markes *Engliſh*. And of all *Ladies* & *Gentlewomen* vnder the degree of a *Lady Baroneſſe* as exactly as the reſt, paying no Fees at all. (Provided that it be firſt duely proved before two of his *Majeſties Iuſtices* of the Peace or more, that the party is no more worth.) Which Certificates ſo entred, may in future time determine & end many queſtiōs that hereafter may ariſe, as by many examples of late time have bin ſeen in *England*. (4) Provided alvvayes that if the Heires, Executors, or Adminiſtrators of any Knight or *Eſquire* ſhall pretend povertie or diſabilitie, and ſhall make the ſame appeare by Petition vnto the *Lord Deputy*, or other *Governour* or *Governours* for the time being, order ſhall be taken vpon due proofe made, that the Heires, Executors or Adminiſtrators ſhalbe eaſed of paying the ſaid Fees (if ſo it ſhalbe thought fit) and the Certificate notvvithſtanding entred as above. Nevertheleſſe if any of the degrees aforeſaid their Wives and Children ſhall require to have their *Funerals* honourably ſolemnized vvith the attendance of one or both the *Officers* of *Armes*, according to their degrees, & vvith ſuch other ceremonies as have in former times bin vſed, (5) That then they ſhall pay the above-named Fees reſpectively vvith the addition of (6) *Twelue pence Engliſh* the mile outvvard, and *Twelue pence Engliſh* the mile homevvard, (7) and forty ſhillings Engliſh for Blacks, vvith entertainment of the *Officer* or *Officers* of *Armes* and their ſervants in the Funerall houſe, and meate for their Horſes, as hath bin accuſtomed, & vvith the accuſtomed & ancient requiſite of *Hearſes* vvith all their furniture vvhen any ſhalbe vſed, and the above named Fees to ſtand for ſatisfaction to both for all demands. And for remedie of the former abuſes vvhich are daylie committed by *Painters*, *Maſons*, *Glaziers*, *Goldſmiths*, *Cutters*, *Carvers*, and the like, Wee doe ſtraightly charge & commaund them throughout this *Realme*, that they preſume not to meddle vvith any matters of *Armorie* or *Armes*, except thoſe *Armes* that are ſo common only knovvn as there is no likelyhood of error. And that no *Painters*, or other perſon ſet forth any Funerals, or make any Scuchions, or other Funerall vvorke, vvithout ſpeciall leave and approbation of the King of *Armes*, or his ſufficient Deputy or Deputyes, as they vvill anſvvere the contrary at their peril. Provided that ſuch as the ſaid King of *Armes* ſhall appoint to make Scuchions and other Funerall vvorke, ſhall not exceede the ordinary Price now vſed in and about *London*, as the ſame ſhall be certified vnder the hands of tvvo or more of the Kings of *Armes* there vvithin a yeare after the Date of theſe preſents. Which Certificate is to be entred vpon *Record* in his *Majeſties* high Court of *Chauncery* here. Given at his *Majeſties* Caſtle of *Dublin* the 4. of Auguſt, in the third yeare of his *Majeſties* Raigne. *Anno Dom.* 1627.

Adam Loftus Canc.	Ia. Armachanus.	Lanc. Dublin.	R. Corke.	Hen. Valentia.	Thom. Cromwell.
Dom. Kilmallocke.	Thom. Baltinglaſſe.	R. Ranelagh.	R. Dillon.	Will. Caulfield.	Henr. Docwra.
Fr. Aungier.	Will. Parſons.	Rich. Bolton.	Dud. Norton.	Char. Coote.	Adam Loftus.

(1) Being in nūber twentie foure.

(2) Being double the Fees here reſerued in euery ſtate and degree.

(3) Perſons of everall degrees whoſe Certificates muſt bee entred without Fees.

(4) Proviſion for ſome Knights and Eſquiers.

(5) The Offi[cers] of Armes [illegible] by Decree a[bove] ſpecified, are left at liberty in this caſe to make their compoſition as in former time.

(6) It was two ſhillings the mile out, and two ſhillings the mile homeward, to the K. of Armes, and twelve pence the mile out & twelve pence homeward to the other Officer before, according to the cuſtome of England.

(7) It was before xx. Nobles for blackes, & Liveries for 4. Servants to the king of Armes & a quarter as much beſide to the other Officer according to the cuſtome of England, beſide Fees in money for everie degree, above double the fees within named.

The Kings of Armes of England haue within the time preſcribed in this Decree, certified the prices of Funerall worke, as followeth, The prices being all Engliſh.

Prices for Funerall worke.

A Great Banner.	xl. ſhillings.	A Wreath.	iij.s.iiij.d.	*Furniture for a Hearſe.*	
A Standart.	xl. ſhillings.	Mantles furniſhed.	xx.ſhill.	PEncilles a dozen.	x.ſhill.
A Penoune.	xxvj.s.viij.d.	A Buckram Scuchion.	ij.ſhill.	A Water Table.	vj.ſhil.viij.d.
A Banneroll.	xxvj.s.viij.d.	A Buckram Scuchion with Coronet.	iij.s.vj.d.	A water Table with ſupporters & Coronet.	x.s.
A Coate of Armes.	xxvj.s.viij.d.	A Paper Scuchion.	x.d.	A Creſt on Paſtebord.	xij.d.
A Sword.	x.ſhil.	A Paper Scuchion with a Coronet.	xij.d.	A Scrole.	iij.ſhil.iiij.d.
A Target.	x.ſhil.	A Badge.	xij.d.	A Compartment.	v.ſhil.
A Creſt carved.	xiij.s.iiij.d.	A Scuchion on Taffata.	vj.d.	A Coronet to compaſſe the Hearſe.	xxx.ſhil.
				A Scuchion for the ſeeling.	xiij.s.iiij.d.
				A Staffe for Banner or Standart.	xij.d.
				A Conductors Staffe.	vj.d.

Will. Seager Garter. Rich. S. George Clarenceux.

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